

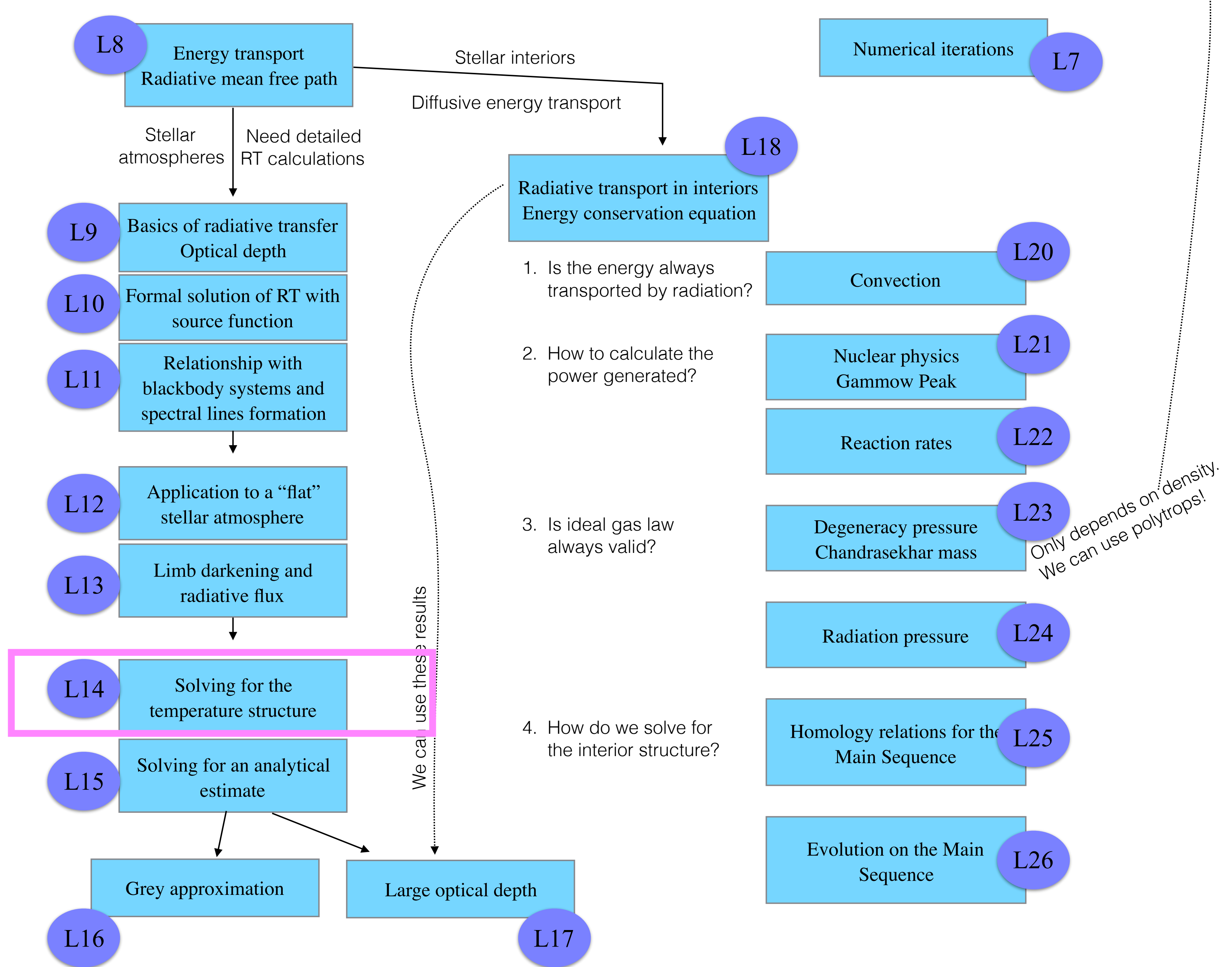
Week 8 Thursday

L-14

Flux in flat atmospheres

(Solving for  $T$ , yah!)

We are here



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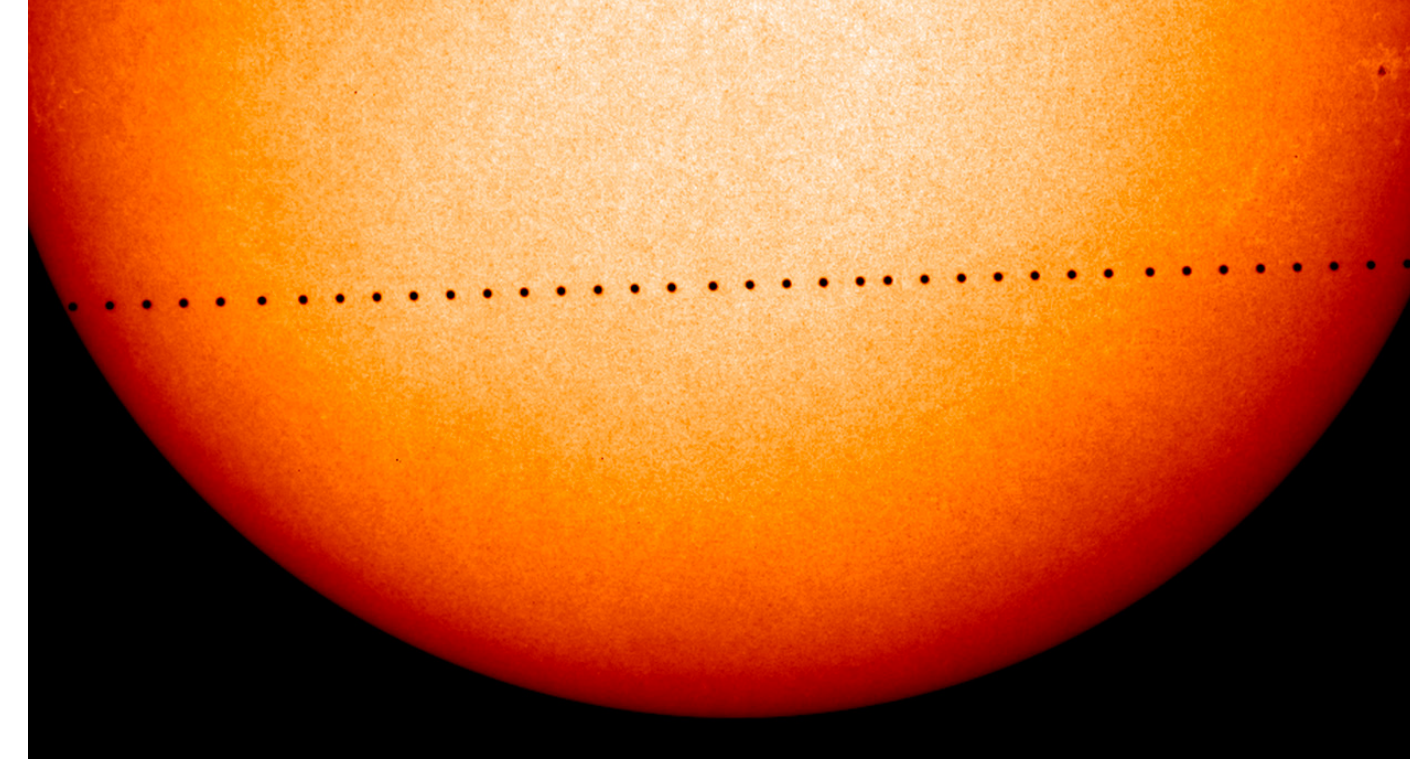
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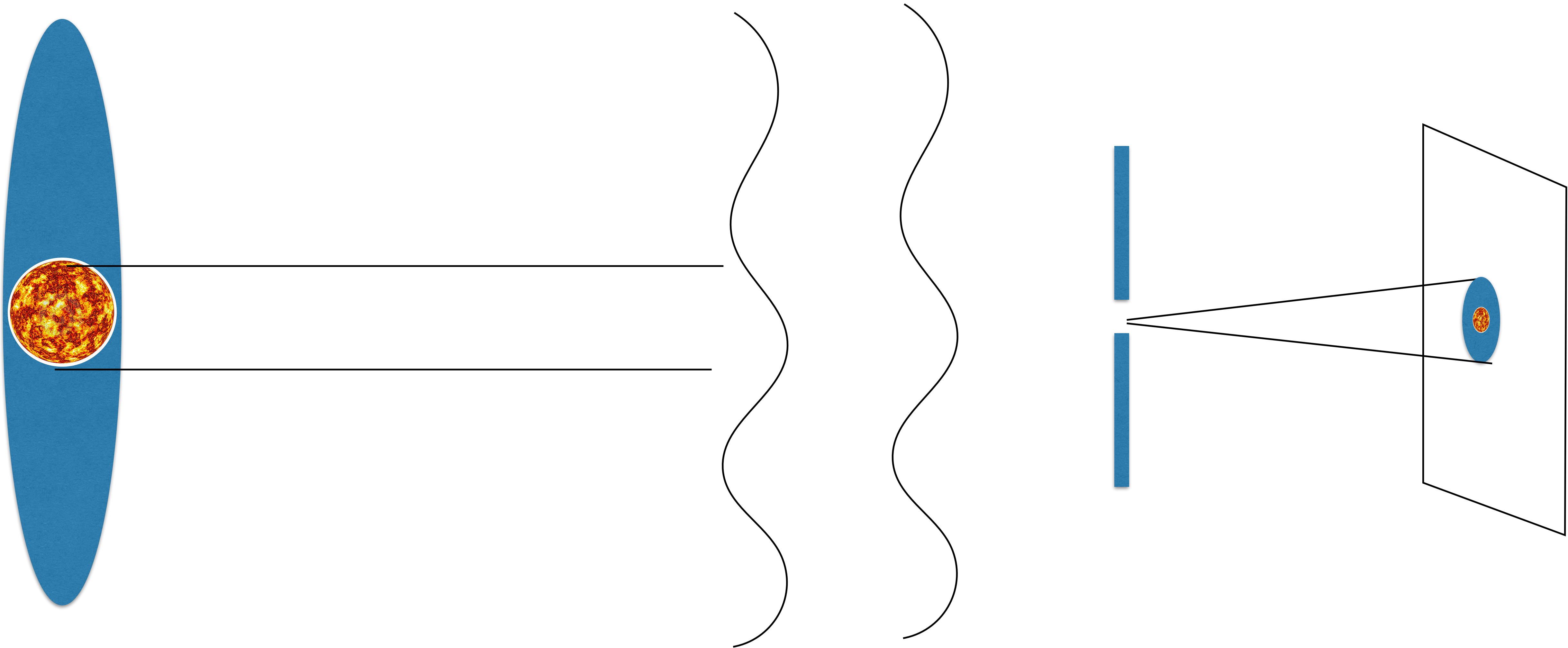
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Means we can find  $S(\tau)$  (and  $T(z)$ )

For the Sun, we can measure!

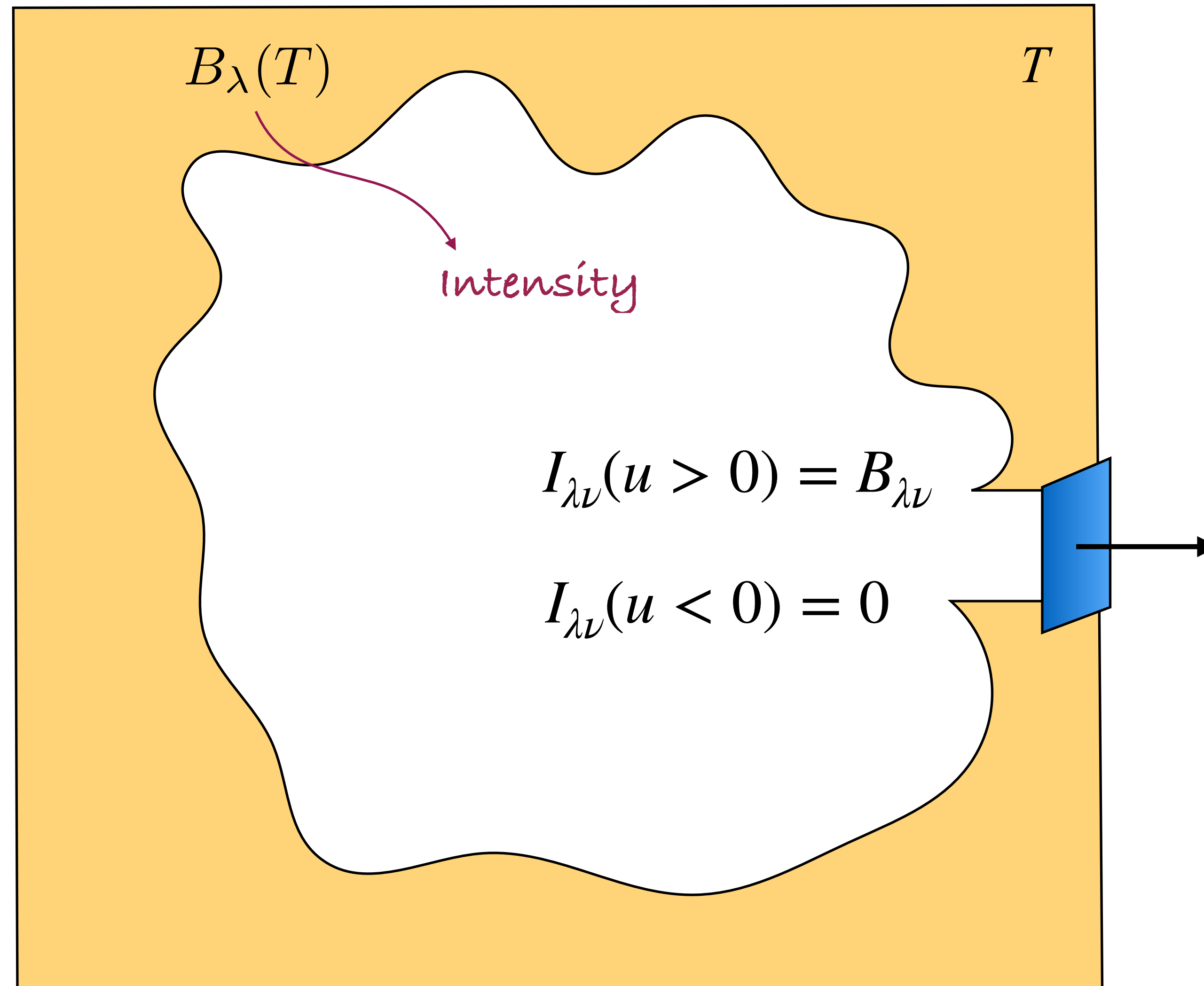
For other stars, our telescope cannot resolve their stellar disk  
= we measure the surface flux.  
So we cannot use limb-darkening to find  $T(z)$

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# Flux through a surface in a blackbody radiation field

Reminder



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$$F_{\text{tot}} = \pi \int_0^\infty B_{\lambda\nu} d\nu$$

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# The ‘effective’ temperature $T_{\text{eff}}$

The temperature of a BB that has the same surface (wavelength-integrated) flux as the star

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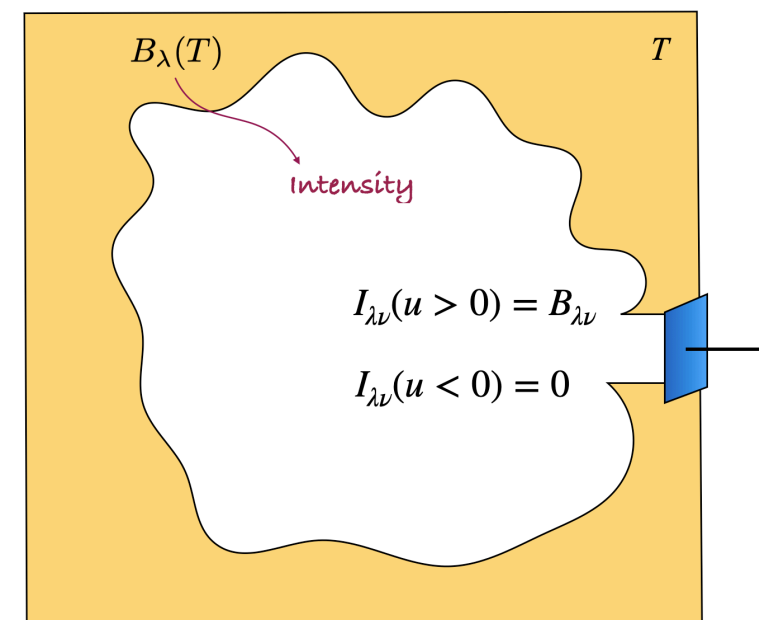
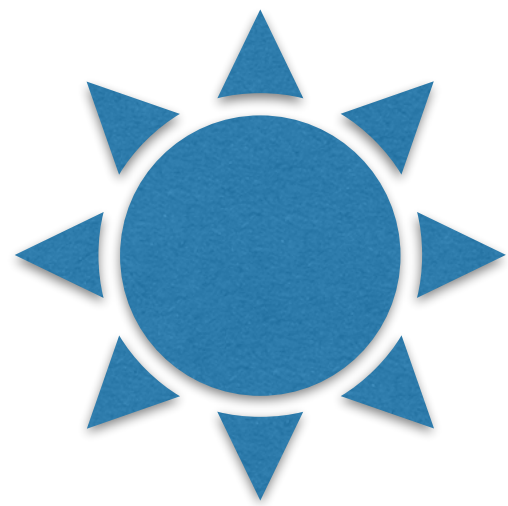
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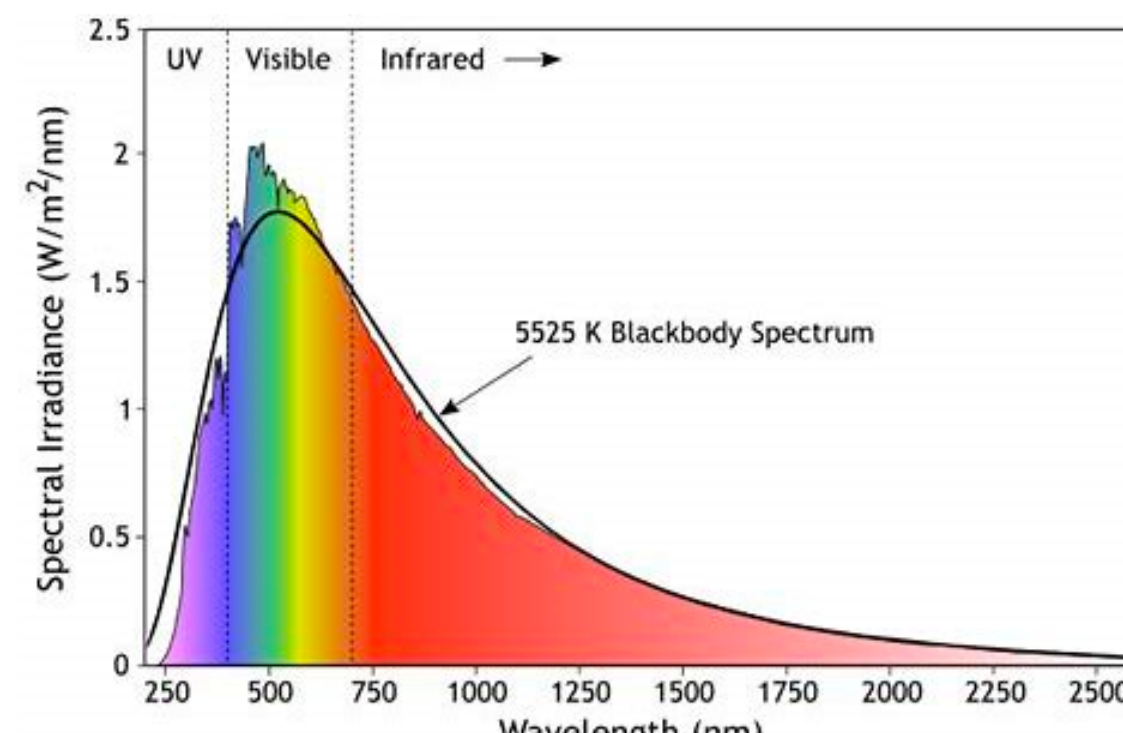
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For the Sun: 63 MegaWatt / m<sup>2</sup> → For a BB to have 63 MegaWatt / m<sup>2</sup>



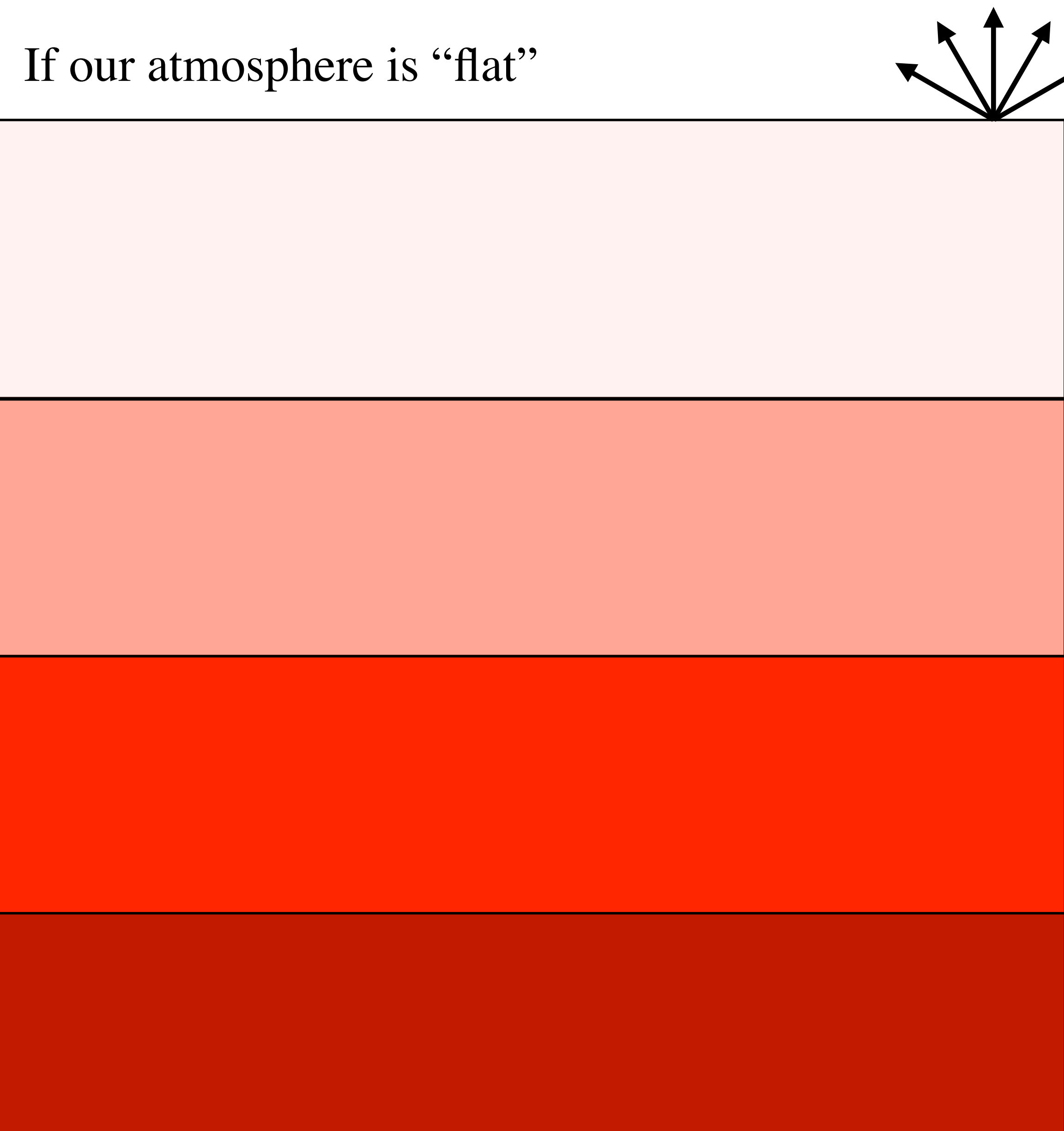
Thus  $T_{\text{eff}}$  for the sun is ~ 5700 K. ← T needs to be ~ 5700 K

Note: this does NOT mean that  $F_{\lambda,\odot} = B_{\lambda}(T = 5700K)$



The (wavelength-integrated) flux is Power per area

If our atmosphere is “flat”



Flux through that surface =  $\sigma T_{\text{eff}}^4$

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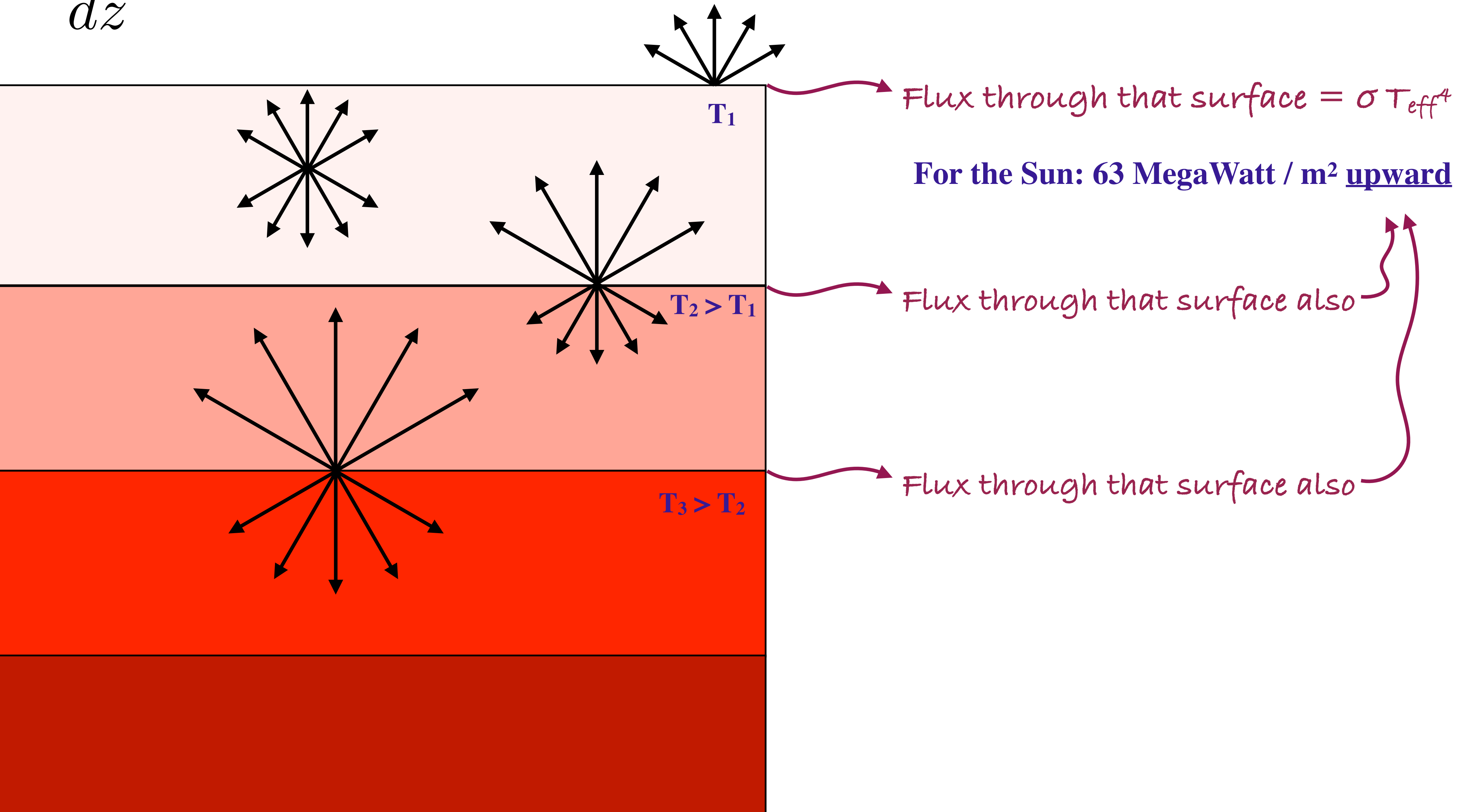
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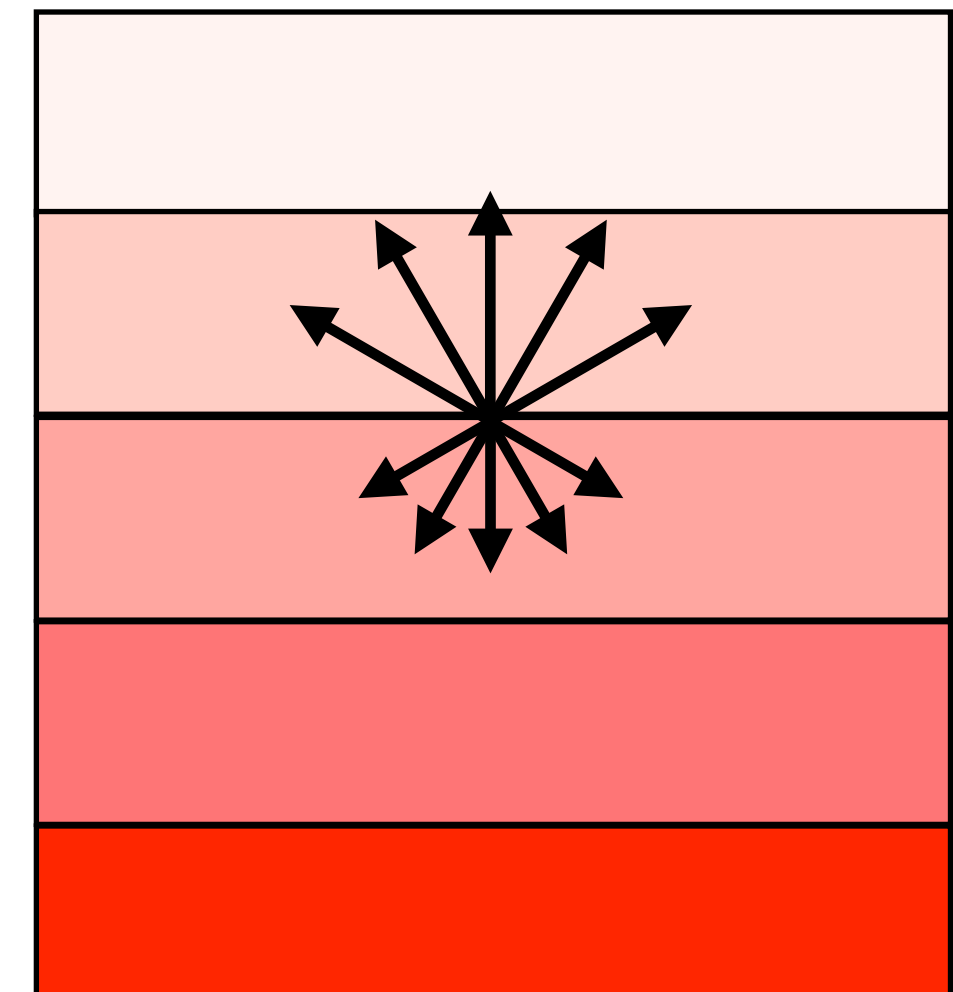
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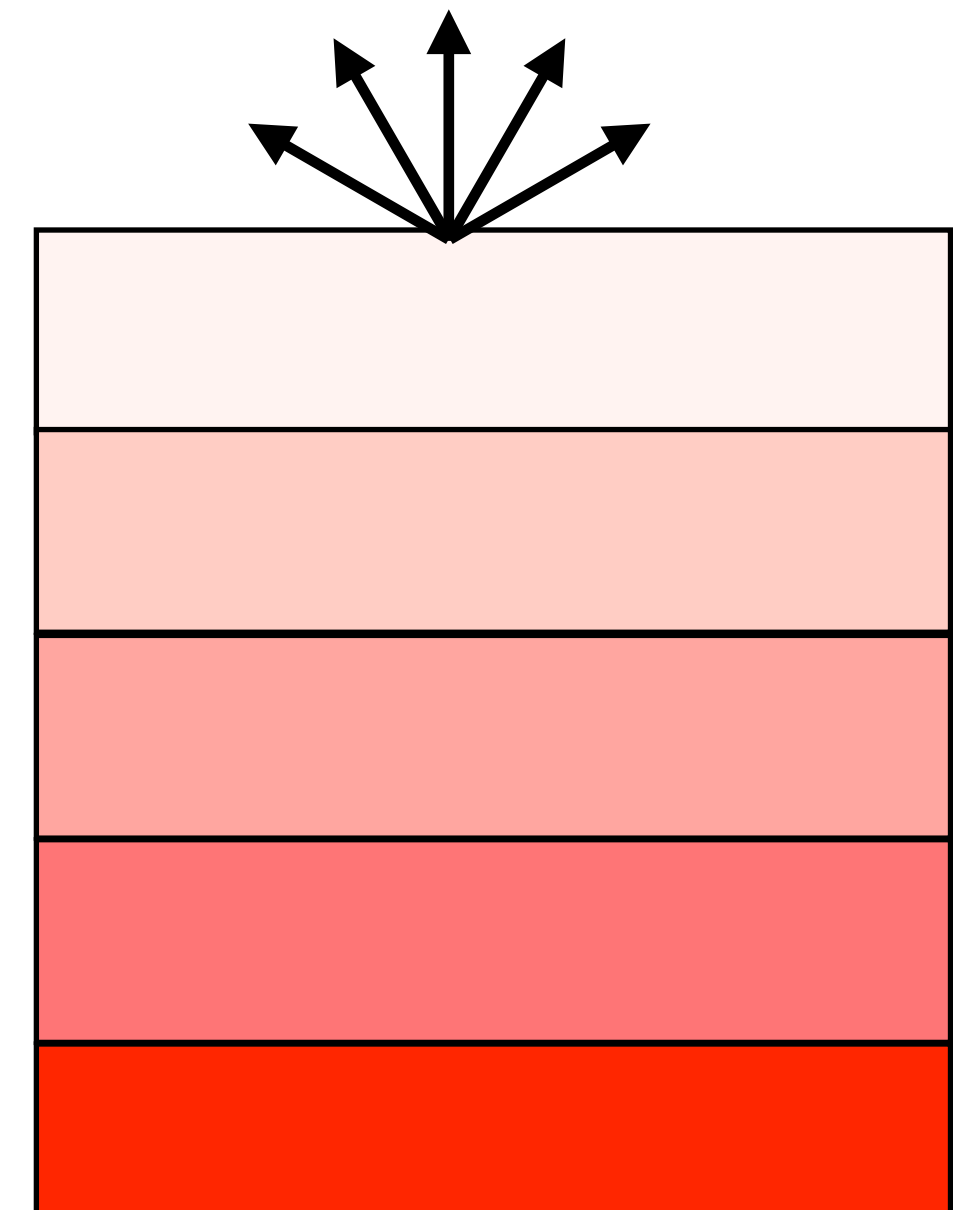
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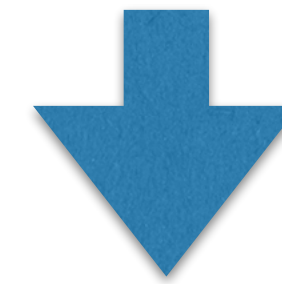
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Reminder

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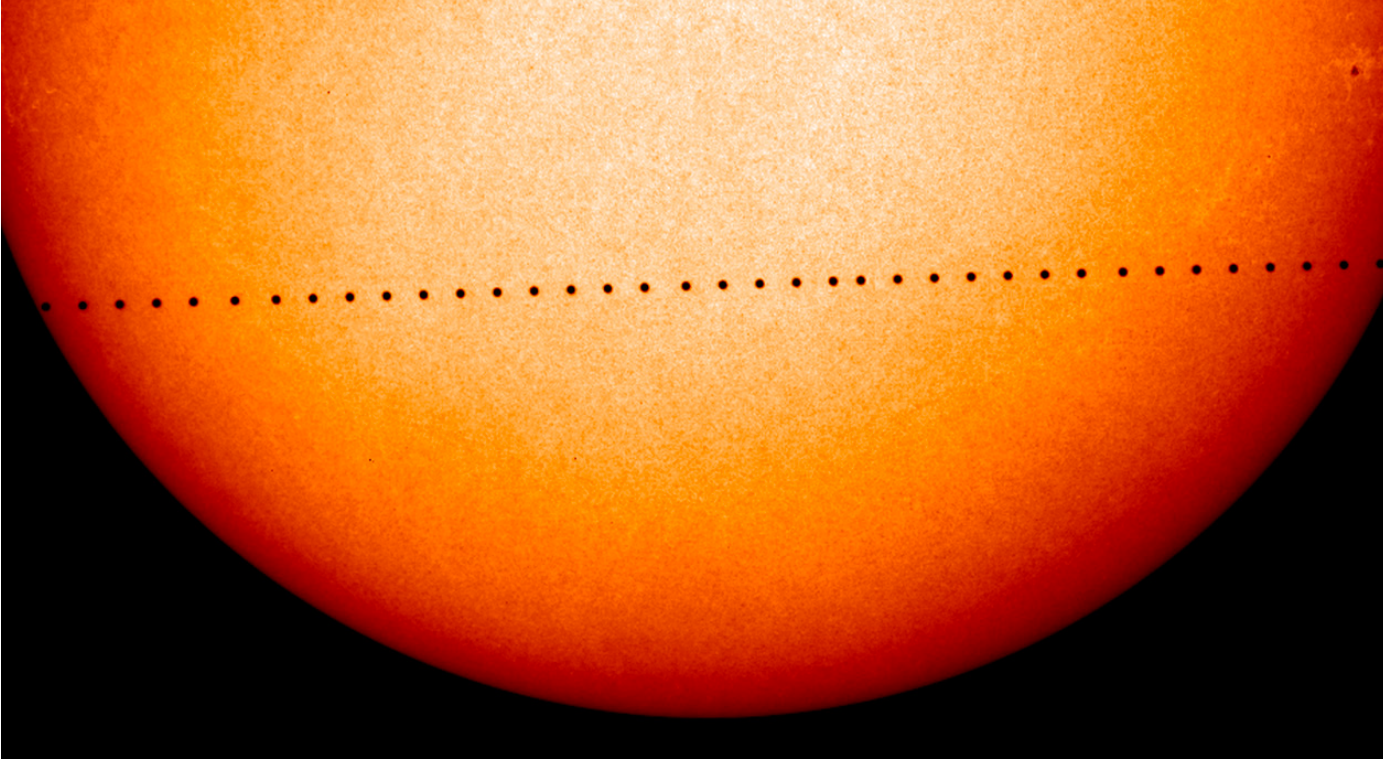
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... math here :)

$$I(\tau_z = 0, u > 0) = S_0 + S_1 u$$

$$= S(\tau_z = u)$$

So the intensity for a given  $u$  ray is equal to the value of the source function  $S$  at the layer where the vertical optional depth  $\tau_z$  is equal to  $u$



## 5. At home: Formal solution with source function increases linearly with optical depth

Let's assume that the density in the slab is constant, such that  $\kappa\rho = 2.0$  per unit

The source function is a function of  $\tau$  such that:

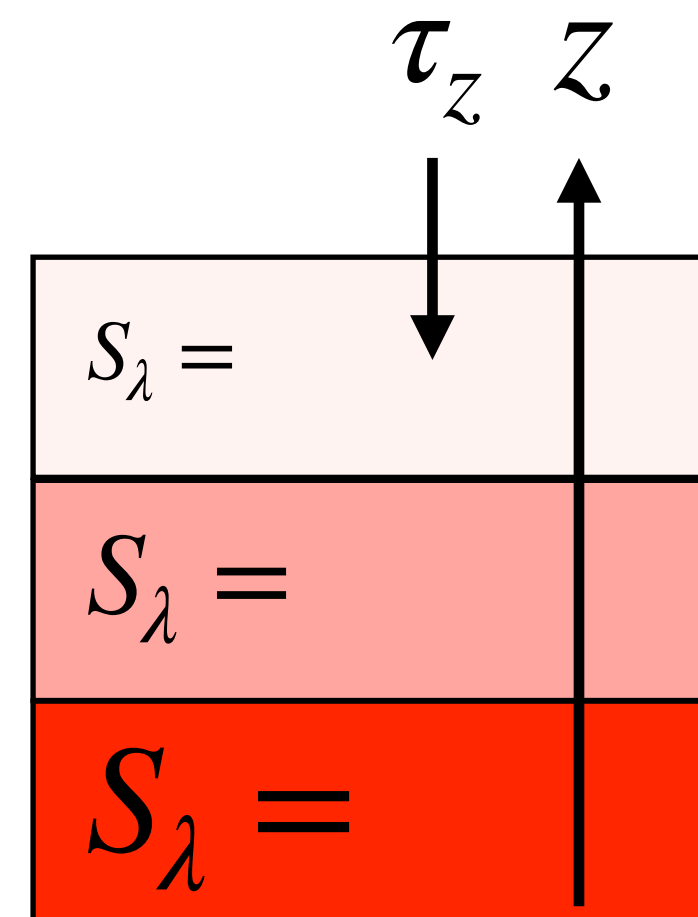
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where  $S_0 = 0.5$  intensity unit, and  $S_1 = 1.3$  intensity units per optical depth unit

There is no initial intensity entering the slab so  $I_o = 0$ .

Prepare your code such that you can vary the values of the paramters.

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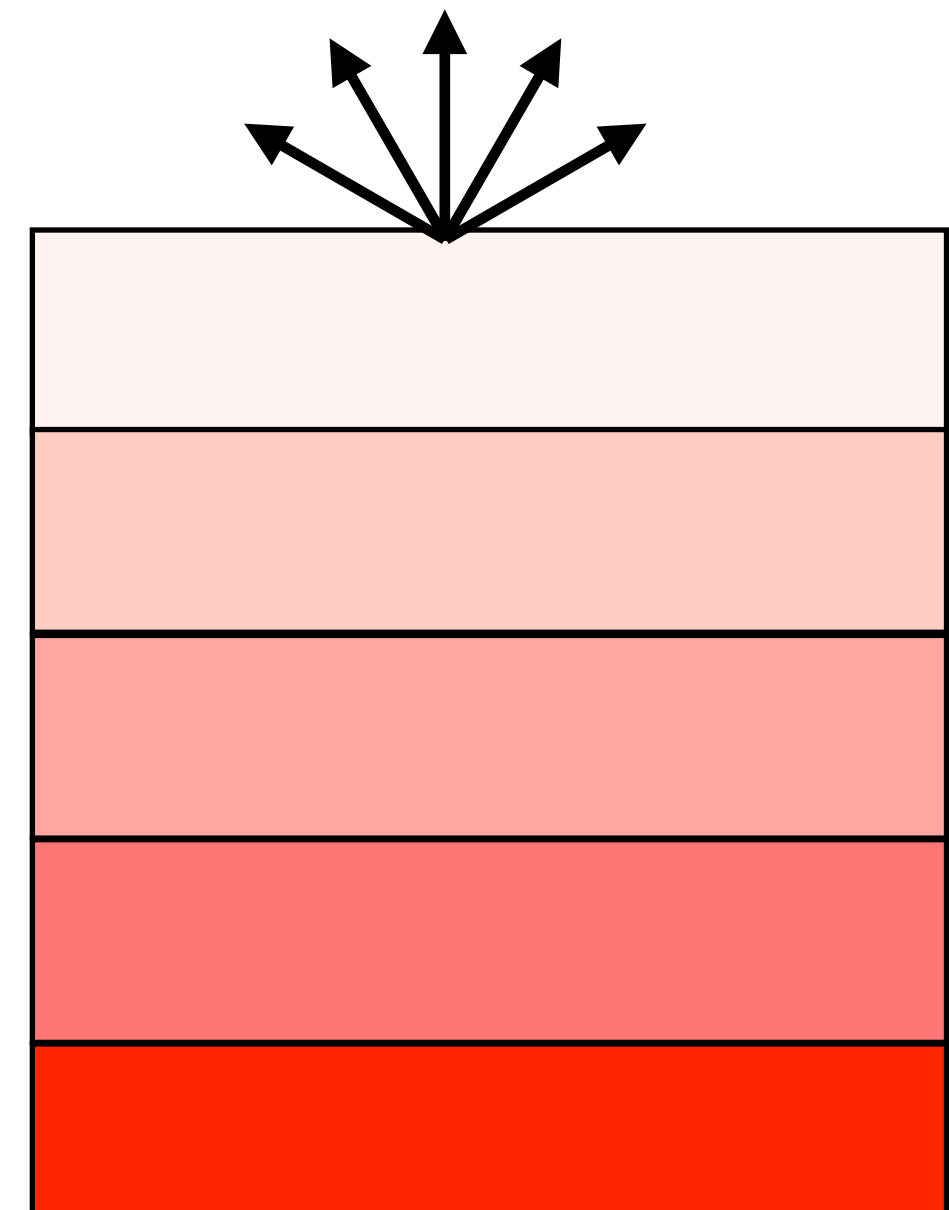




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On the board

The surface flux is a measure of the value of the source function at an optical depth of  $2/3$ .



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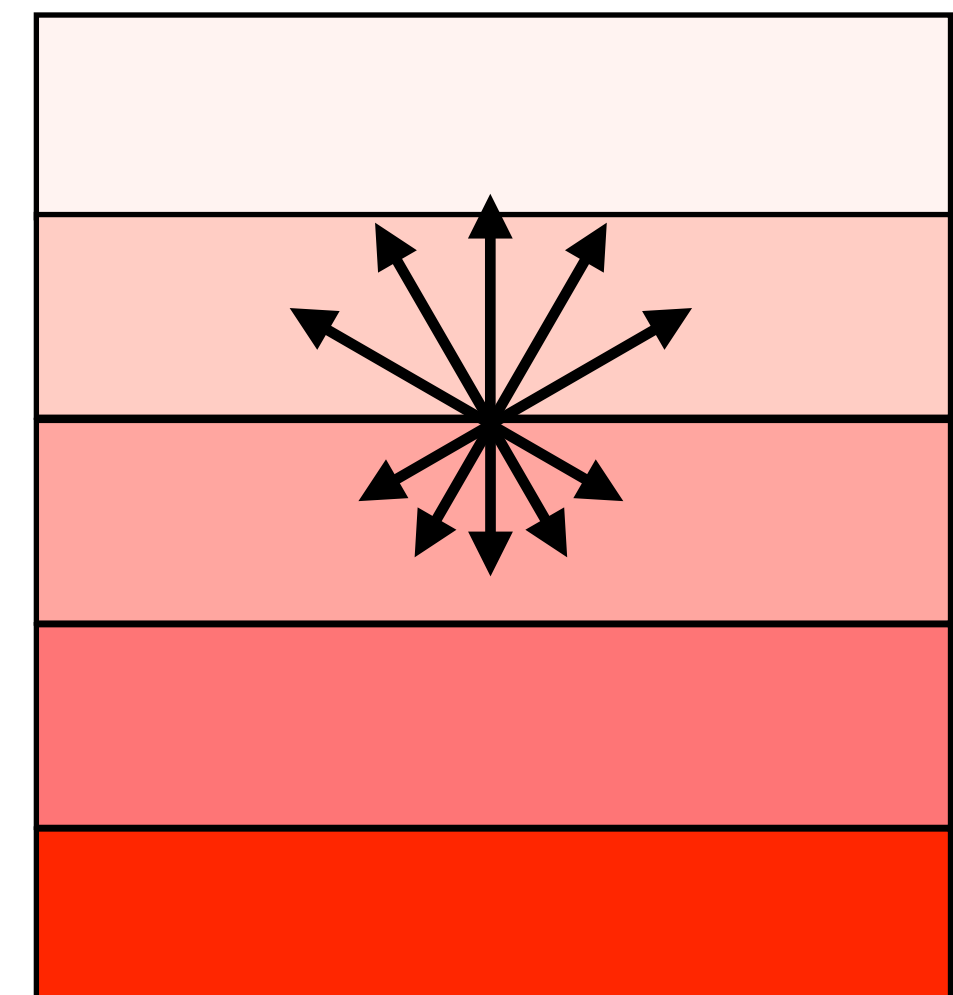
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Put the solution for  $I(\tau_z, u)$  in the flux equation. On the board



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On the board:

Step1: Separate the integral in the flux equation into two pieces

Step2: Switch the  $u$  and the  $\tau_z$  integrals

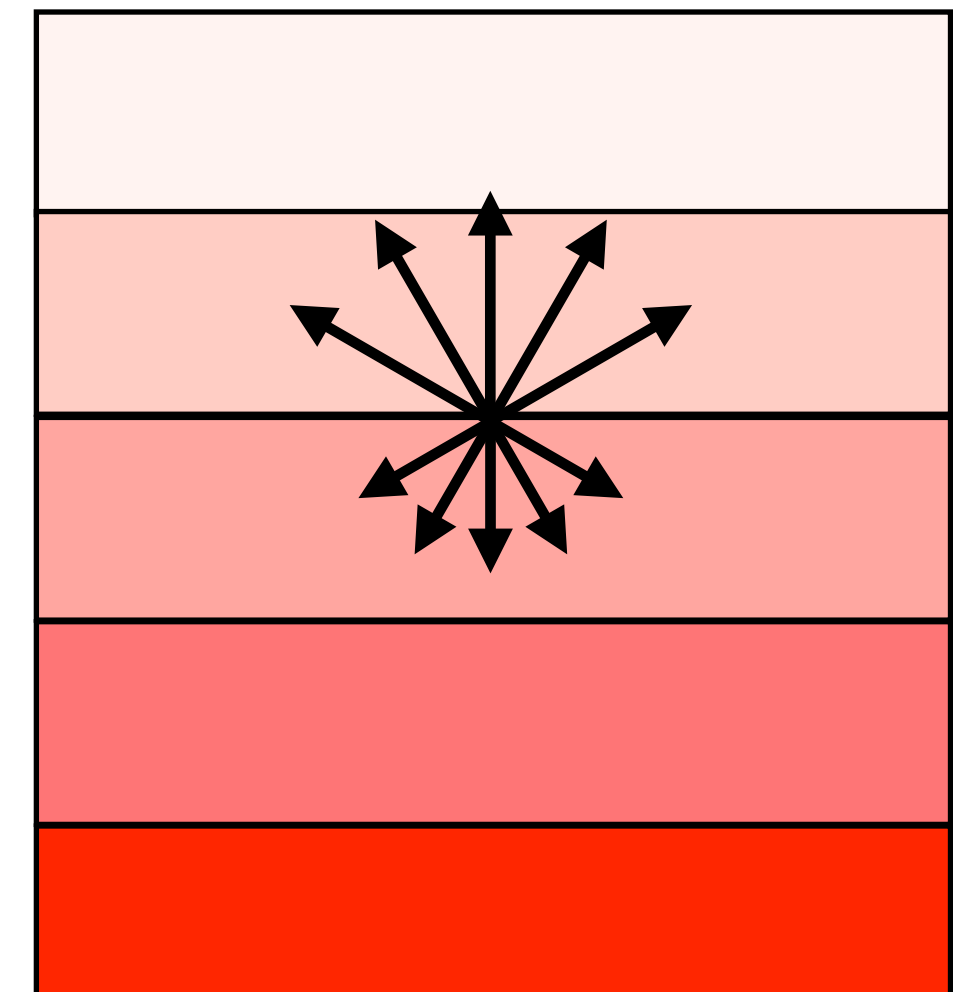
Step3: Assume that the source function is isotropic (not a function of  $u$ )

Step4: Make a substitution in the 1st term for  $a = (\tau'_z - \tau_z)$ , and  $x = 1/u$

Step5: Make a substitution in the 2nd term for  $a = (\tau_z - \tau'_z)$ , and  $x = -1/u$

Step6: Replace the  $x$  integral for “exponential functions”

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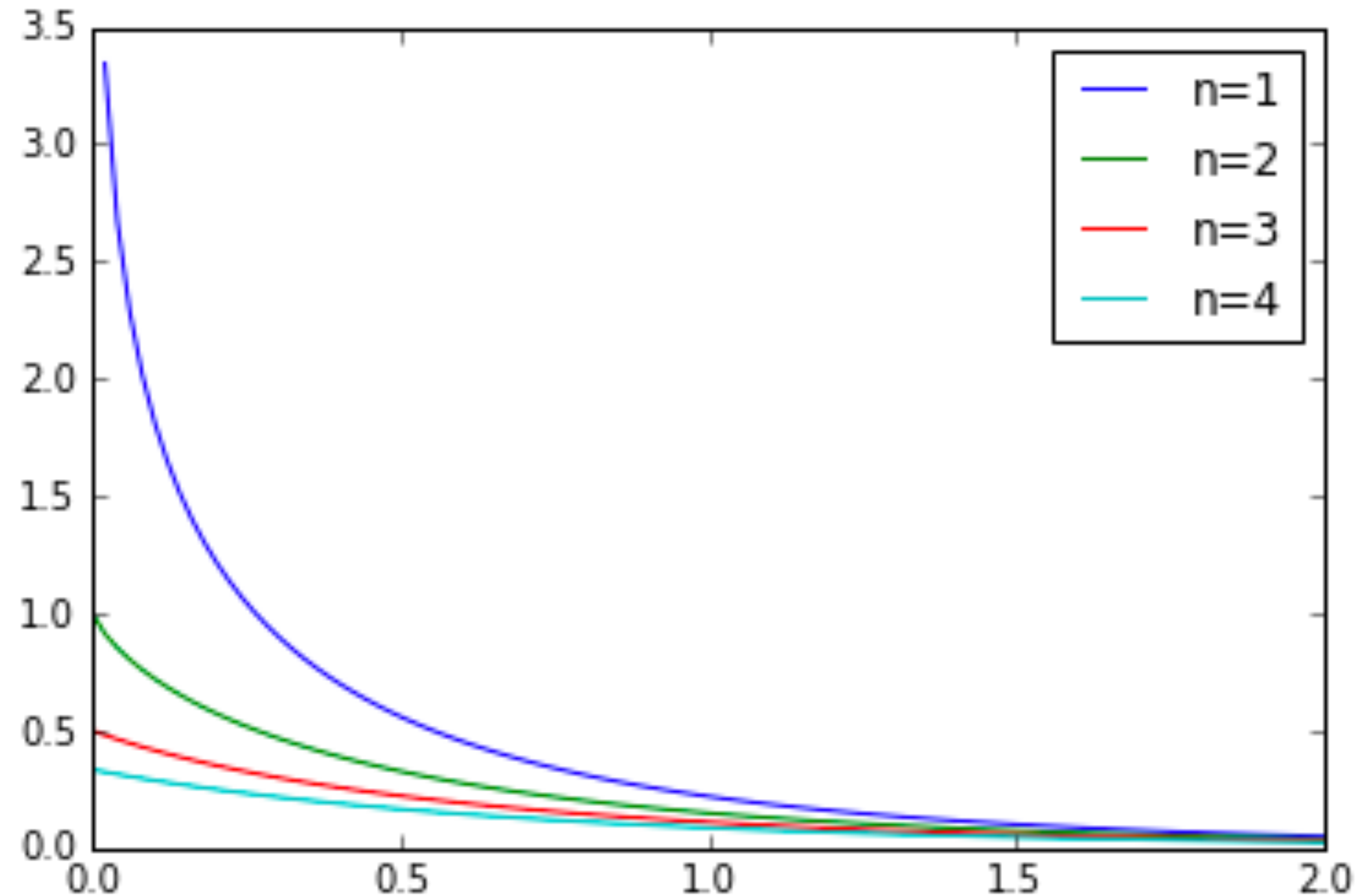
Exponential functions [python: `scipy.special.expn(n, a)`]

$$E_n(a) = \int_1^{\infty} \frac{e^{-ax}}{x^n} dx$$

$$E_n(a = 0) = \frac{1}{n-1}$$

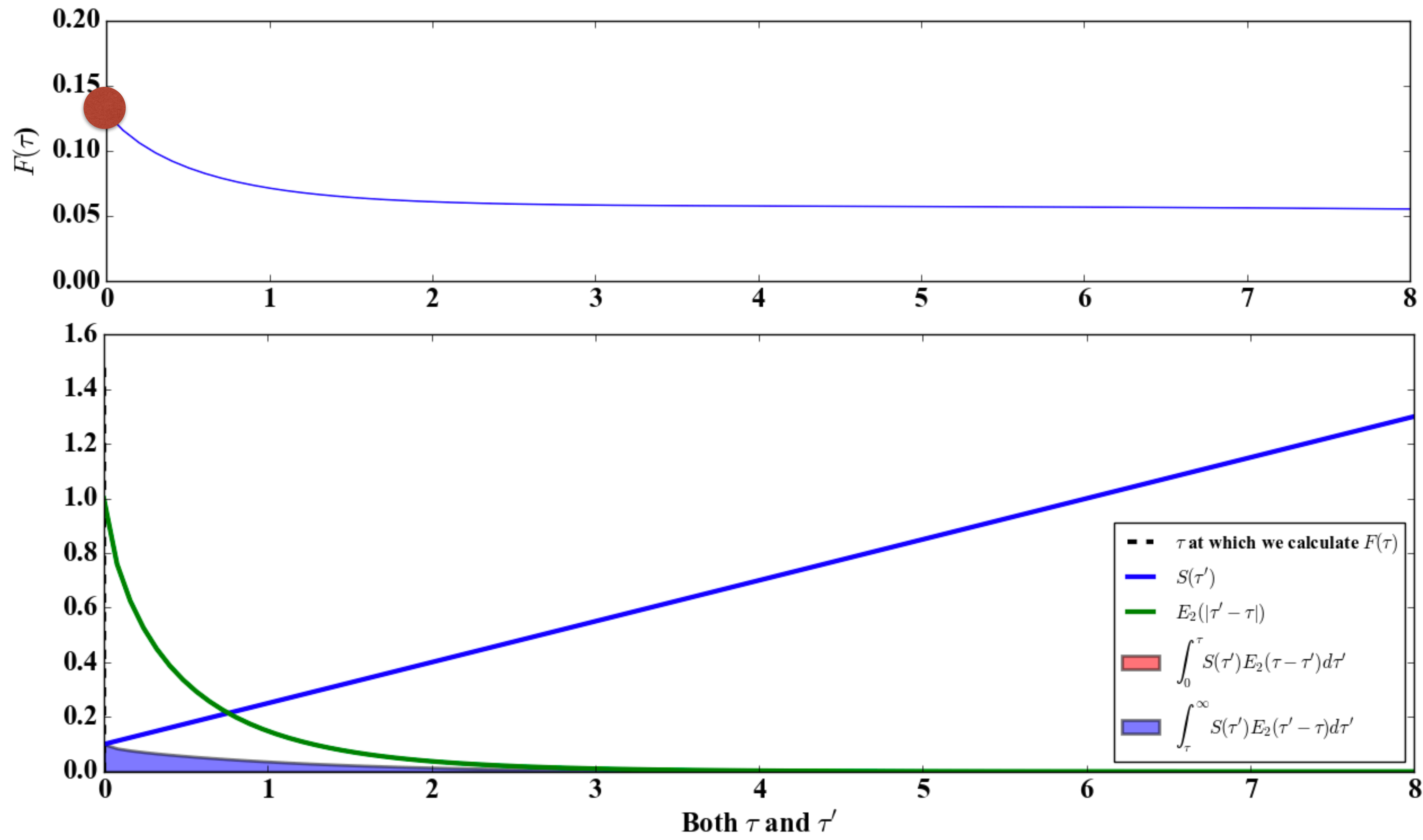
$$\frac{dE_n(a)}{da} = -E_{n-1}(a)$$

$$nE_{n+1}(a) = e^{-a} - aE_n(a)$$

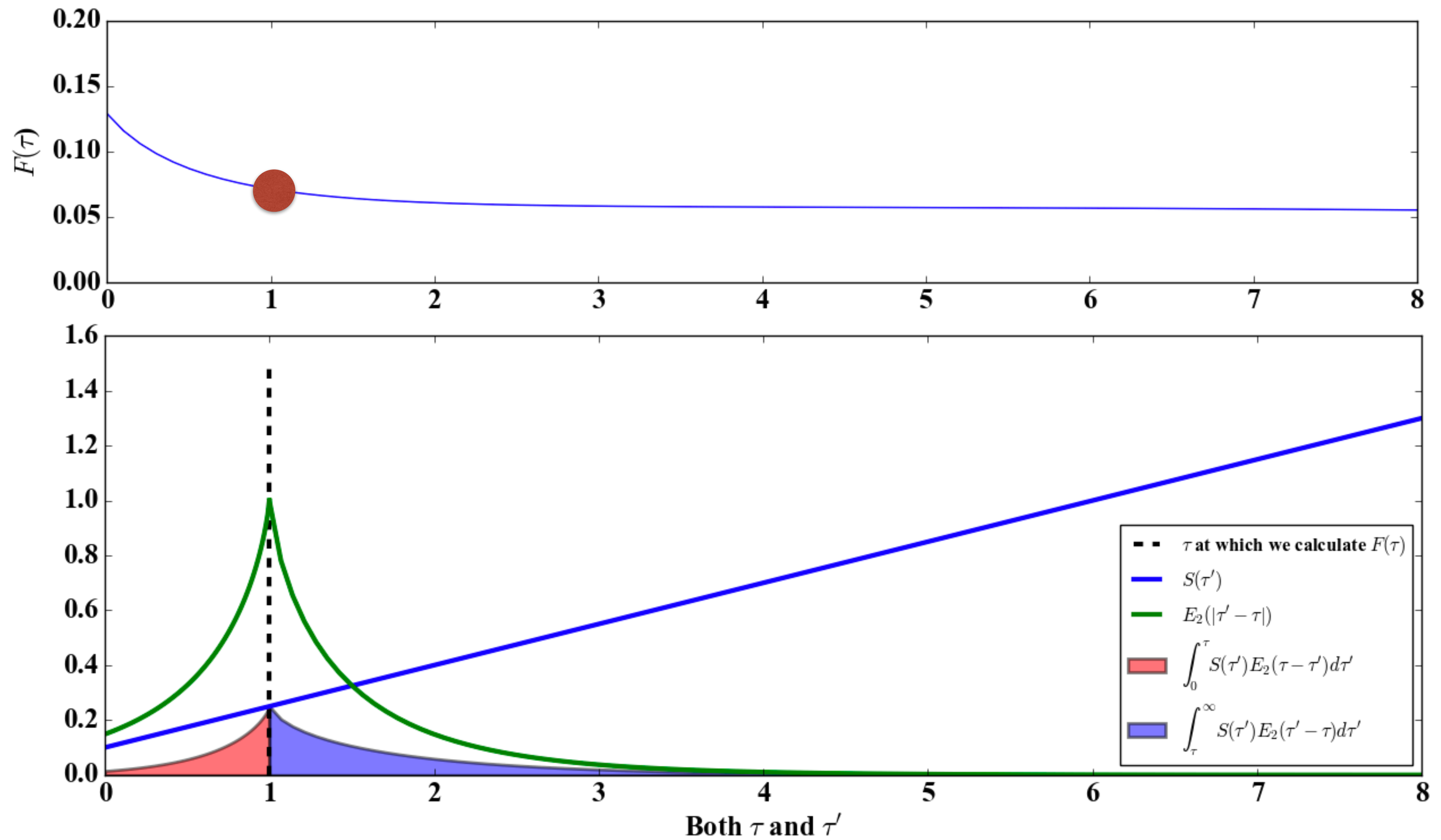




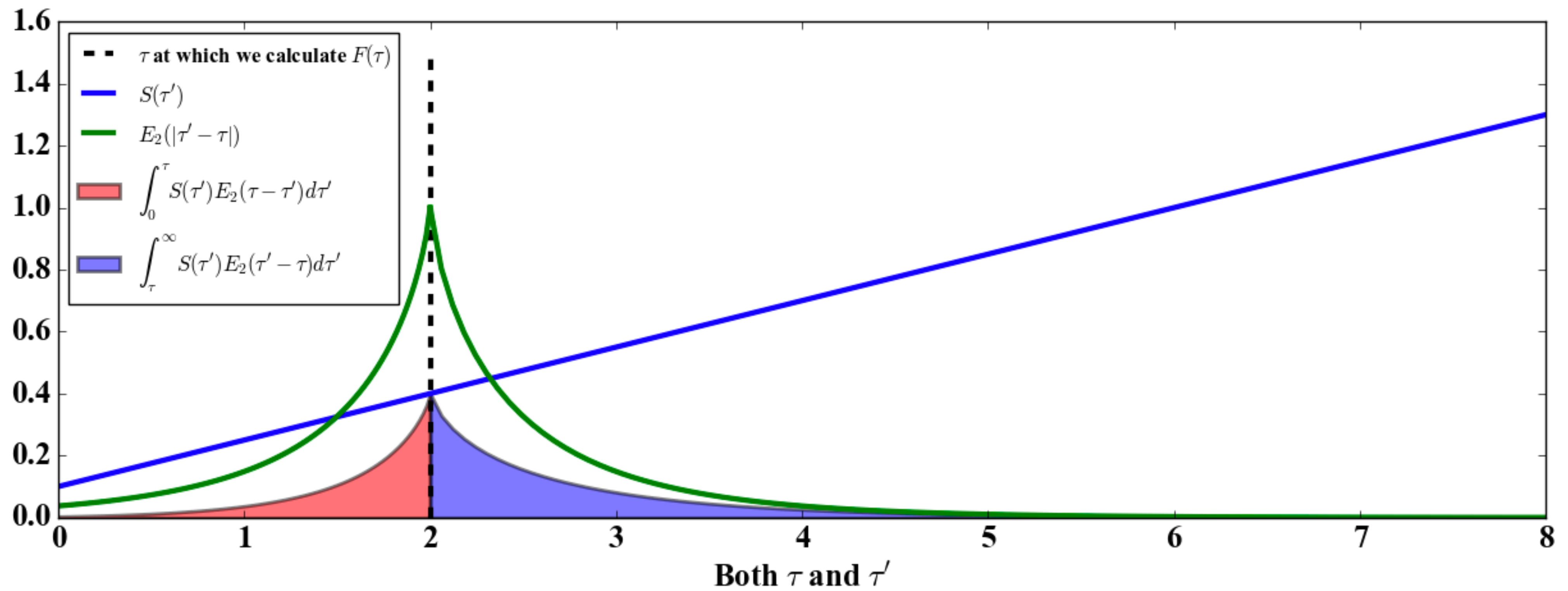
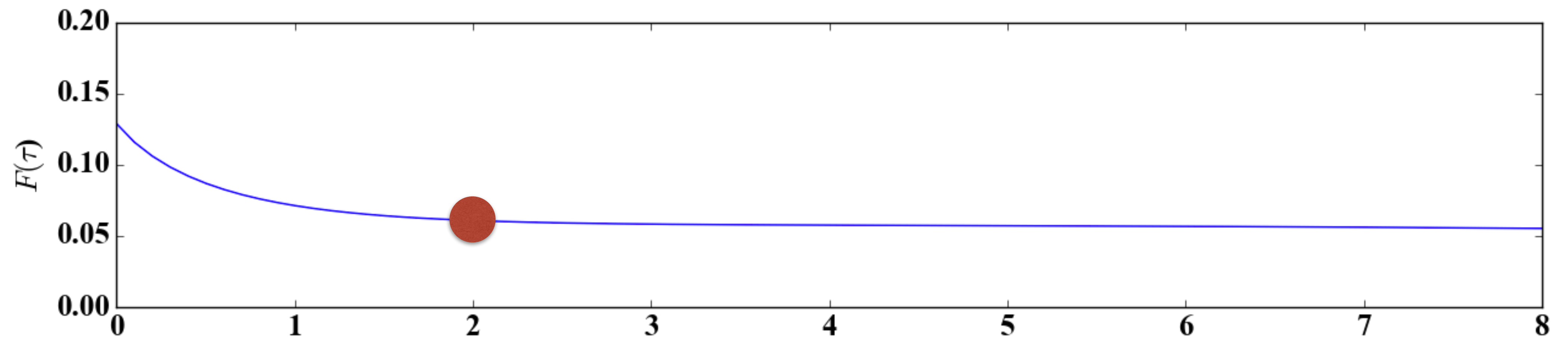
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